(c) and (d) 9 teachers of Delhi have been censured in cases where pass percentage was 95% or above, but was below the regional average.

(e) Since the censure cases have been dealt with under CCS (CCA) Rules, there is a provision under the same Rules for appeal by the affected teachers.

Two shift Kendriya Vidyalayas

184. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning in the country, having two shifts at present;

(b) whether Government is planning to start two shifts in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas, with a view to accommodate more students;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the alternative arrangements made or proposed to be made by Government to accommodate more students in Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) There are 42 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country having two shifts at present.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) The mandate of the Kendriya Vidyalayas is primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government employees including defence personnel and para-military forces. In many Kendriya Vidyalayas, the available seats are being offered to the applicants of other categories in order of priority.

Selection committees in Delhi University colleges

185. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that selection committees for appointing lecturers in colleges of Delhi University have four University nominees, out of total seven members of selection committee, and the Governing Body has not much say in the appointments; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Governing Body is thinking to change the composition of selection committees for appointing lecturers in Delhi University colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) In accordance with clause 7(4-a) of the Ordinance XVIII of the Delhi University Act, the composition of selection committee for appointment of Lecturers in colleges of the University, is as under:-

1. Chairperson of Governing Body of the College or his/her nominee to be the Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
2. Principal of the concerned College (Principal Evening College in case the selection is for a teacher in the Evening College).

3. Two nominees of the Vice-Chancellor, of whom one should be a subject expert.

4. Two subject- experts not connected with the college to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Governing Body out of a panel of names approved by the University.

5. One senior teacher/Head of the concerned college (of the concerned subject) preferably having not less than 10 years of service as a teacher.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Recommendations of National Knowledge Commission

186. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) on higher education; and

(b) the steps Government is taking to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) In its report on higher education, the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has, *inter-alia*, recommended increasing the number of universities to 1500, raising student fee to at least 20% of the revenues, regulation of higher education through establishment of an Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Education, financing of higher education (including better management of assets like land available with universities) and public-private partnerships for setting up new institutions, opportunity for good foreign universities to come to India, salary differential within and between universities, limiting the role of University Grants Commission to disbursement of grants and maintenance. There is no consensus on the recommendations of the NKC. Teachers' Organizations have not favoured the recommendations. A conference of Vice Chancellors held in October, 2007 had also discussed these recommendations without any endorsement thereof.

The Central Government has constituted a Committee under Prof. Yash Pal to, *inter-alia*, advise on renovation and rejuvenation of higher education. The terms of reference of the Committee includes:-

(a) To review the functioning of the UGC/AICTE and to critically assess the role of the UGC/AICTE and their preparedness to provide institutional leadership to the emerging demands of access, equity, relevance and quality of higher education/ technical education and the university system.

(b) To review the provisions of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and the All India Council for Technical Education Act 1987 and various suggestions for amendments to the said Acts by earlier Committees such as the Prof. Amreek Singh Committee.

(c) The role of the UGC in coordinating standards of higher education *vis-a-vis* the functional role of other statutory bodies such as AICTE, MCI, DCI, NCI, NCTE, DEC, etc.